

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SUGENO, Michio et al. Conf.:  
Appl. No.: NEW Group:  
Filed: February 8, 2002 Examiner:  
For: EVERYDAY LANGUAGE-BASED COMPUTING SYSTEM  
AND METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

February 8, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

11. (Amended) An everyday language-based computing system as set forth in claim 9, wherein said language operating system further includes a knowledge base which is managed by said secretary agent.

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REMARKS

The amendment to the claims is merely to delete multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

The claims have been amended as follows:

11. (Amended) An everyday language-based computing system as set forth in claim 9 [or 10], wherein said language operating system further includes a knowledge base which is managed by said secretary agent.

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